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THE NEWPORT MERCURY was established in 1769, and is the oldest newspaper published in New England, and with less than half a dozen exceptions, the oldest printed in the English language. It is a large quarterly, weekly or fifty-six columns filled with interesting reading matter, State, local and general news, well-selected literary departments, touching so many households in this and other states, the United States given away advertising is very valuable to business men.

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Local Matters.

The 5th Ward School House.

On Thursday evening the joint committee on the new school house for the 5th Ward met to consider the plans already submitted. The various plans were discussed at length after which an informal ballot was taken on the adoption of one of the number. The result of the ballot showed six in favor of the plans of Mr. J. D. Johnston, three for William R. Walker & Son, two for J. H. Ingraham, and one for George C. Mason & Son. A formal ballot was then taken which showed six votes for the Walker plans, five for Johnston's and one for Ingraham's. After several more ballots without material change the plans of William R. Walker & Son were adopted by a vote of 7 to 5 for J. D. Johnston's plans. A sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Wm. A. Stedman, Wm. O. Greene, and John H. Cozzens was then appointed to superintend the making of the specifications for the building, to advertise for proposals for building the school house and to act as the building committee after the contract shall be let.

Gen. Walker & Son are well known architects of Providence. They have had a large experience in school house building and have been very successful in that branch of architecture. The plan they have presented for the 5th Ward school building is a very handsome one and the internal arrangements are well adapted to the requirements of the school. The building when complete will be by far the handsomest and most complete school building in the city.

A Harbor of Ice.

The harbor has been completely frozen over all the week, making the passage of vessels to and from the wharves an utter impossibility for several days.

The ferry boat Jamestown was forced to make Fort Adams the terminus for this end and the Wickford and Providence boats were compelled to omit several trips. Cutter Dexter, tug Co-hasset and the Triaia all took a hand at breaking up the ice, but the wind continuing to the northwest prevented it from drifting out. This is the second time the harbor has been frozen over this winter, but we trust there will be no third term.

Death of William DeBlois.

Mr. William DeBlois, one of our oldest citizens, who died at the residence of his brother, Ex-Alderman Henry D. DeBlois, on Saturday last, after a comparatively short illness, was the second son of the late Stephen and Sarah Ellis DeBlois, and was born in Newport December 31, 1800. In his earlier days he was engaged in business, with his father, an old-time merchant, succeeding him after his death. He was strictly honest and honorable in all his business transactions and had the esteem of all who knew him. He never married. He left a considerable amount of property to his brothers, sisters, and to the children of others who preceded him "across the river."

"The sweet remembrance of the just shall flourish when they sleep in dust."

The members of the Argyle Club gave a very delightful social at Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, bringing to a close a series of enjoyable entertainments which have been had by them during the winter. There were about seventy ladies and gentlemen present.

Mr. Elliot Boss, one of our well-known aged citizens, died at his residence on Walnut street yesterday afternoon, having lived within one day of 85 years. He was never married. Mrs. Dutee J. Pearce now in her 80th year, was his sister.

The old Easton House, which has been standing on Spring street for the past one hundred years or more, was demolished this week to make room for the improvements contemplated by him.

I. S. Bailey of the District Messenger service has been placed in charge of the United Line Telegraph interests in this city, vice Mr. Gray transferred.

Governor Wetmore's Reception

The reception held on Wednesday by Governor and Mrs. Wetmore in honor of the General Assembly was a very charming affair and gave additional proof, if any were needed, of the great popularity and unbounded hospitality of His Excellency and his estimable and accomplished wife. The hours of the reception were from one to four o'clock. Shortly after the first named hour guests commenced to arrive, and thereafter there was a constant stream of state dignitaries and their ladies from all parts of the commonwealth. Stationed in the hall just beneath the stairway was Rover's famous orchestra, which discoursed the sweetest of music during the afternoon. Governor Wetmore was attended by a large staff, including Colonels Bull, Sheppard, Wilson, Harris and Burton of the personal, and Adjutant-General Dyer, Quartermaster-General Dennis, Surgeon-General Gowen, of the general staff. The ladies present were in many instances elegantly attired. The reception at about three o'clock presented a brilliant scene.—There were three Ex-Governors present, namely: Hon. Wm. Sprague, Hon. A. H. Littlefield, and Hon. A. O. Bourne.—

There was a large delegation of distinguished persons present from Newport. Some eight or nine hundred invitations were issued, and a large majority of recipients were present to enjoy what is said to have been one of the most delightful affairs of the kind that ever took place in the state.

Aquidneck Agricultural Society.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Aquidneck Agricultural Society was held yesterday, at which meeting, Mr. John J. Peckham was re-elected a member of the State Board of Agriculture for two years. It was voted to hold the next fair of the society on the 5th, 6th, and 7th of October. Messrs. A. C. Landers and John J. Peckham were appointed a committee on printing. Gen. A. L. Burdick, John J. Curry and Geo. P. Lawton were elected a track committee and it was voted that the track, grounds and buildings of the society be kept closed on Sundays. Messrs. Peckham, Anthony, and Congdon were appointed in by various Roman Catholic societies of the State. Visiting divisions of the A. O. U., to the number of six or seven hundred are expected from Providence county and vicinity and they will be duly received and entertained by the local division.

St. Patrick's Day in Newport.

One week from next Wednesday will be St. Patrick's Day and great preparations are being made for its observance in Newport. The state parade of the Ancient Order of Hibernians will take place here for the first time in the history of the order and be participated in by various Roman Catholic societies of the State. Visiting divisions of the A. O. U., to the number of six or seven hundred are expected from Providence county and vicinity and they will be duly received and entertained by the local division.

Building Notes.

The report which has been circulated about town this week that Mr. Gideon Smith had sold his lot at the corner of Broadway and Malbone road, is without foundation. Mr. Smith has got plans out for a handsome residence which he will build upon the lot as soon as spring opens.

Oxx Bros. are to begin the erection immediately of a two-story-and-a-half cottage on Arnold street for Joseph C. Coggeshall.

Oxx Bros. have also taken a contract to build two cottages on Hall avenue for E. G. Spooner.

Col. A. C. Landers, George Pearce and Wm. H. Stratford are to build on their recent purchases on Rhode Island avenue during the coming summer. Plans for Mr. Landers' house are now being drawn by Robert W. Hammatt.

Prohibitionists in Convention.

The Prohibition state convention, held in Providence Wednesday was not a very largely attended one, the Providence Journal giving 325 as the maximum figure. A large number of towns in the State were unrepresented. Newport and Middletown were the only places in this county to send delegates and they were represented as follows:

Newport—A. M. Kimber, J. B. Brayton, T. J. McDonald, E. D. Baker, H. R. Storer, W. B. Franklin, C. H. Taber, M. Butler, P. Flanagan, G. C. Barker, A. W. Luther, H. D. Scott, Rev. F. Rector, F. C. Brown, H. W. Pray, J. Vars, J. M. Swan, J. W. Norton.

Middletown—Rev. W. A. Wright, W. P. Buffum, A. W. Chase, John S. Kimber.

A State central committee, including the names of Michael Butler and Rev. F. W. Ryer of this city, was elected and authorized to "secure some suitable person whose duty it shall be to thoroughly organize the entire State in the interest of the prohibition party."

The following list of State officers was presented and unanimously chosen by the members of the convention.

For Governor—George H. Slade, of Providence.

For Lieutenant Governor—Jason P. Hazard of West Greenwich.

For Attorney General—Edwin Metcalf, of Providence.

For General Treasurer—William Rodfish, of East Greenwich.

For Secretary of State—H. D. Scott, of Newport.

Rev. Mr. Wright of Middletown, from the committee on Resolutions, presented a sectional series of principles which were unanimously adopted as the platform, and the convention adjourned sine die.

The members of the Newport Artillery Company gave the second of their series of socials at the armory, Thursday evening and an exceedingly pleasant occasion it was. The Newport Orchestra furnished the music and Wm. H. Allen prompted.

Miss Eugenie, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Gilbert who owns a cottage on Bellevue avenue, was married in New York Monday afternoon to James B. Townsend.

Ex-Gov. St. John of Kansas in New-port.

Hon. John P. St. John's lecture given at the Opera House Monday evening under the auspices of the Newport County Prohibition Union called together a large and interested audience. Mr. A. M. Kimber, president of the Union, presided and after the reading of scripture and prayer, presented the distinguished speaker in a brief but pleasing introductory address.

Among those occupying seats upon the platform were Rev. Messrs. Clark, Van Horne, Jeter, Ryder, Cooper, Wright, Hollingshead, Day and Rector, Captain H. D. Scott, Collector Cozzens, Superintendent G. A. Littlefield, A. W. Luther, Dr. Storer, Counsellor Boyle and Mr. Michael Butler.

The speaker was received with applause and his remarks, which were upon temperance with a liberal sprinkling of politics and sarcasm, attracted much attention throughout. He talked at length upon the liquor traffic in his own state and gave statistics showing the great work which the prohibition movement had done and is still doing towards uprooting the terrible evil throughout the country. He discussed high license, low license and no license at all, but could find no excuse for the nefarious business in either case, claiming that all saloons were bad and that the so-called respectable places were the greatest curse to any community. He said that neither of the great parties had done anything for prohibition and that he would not vote for a man he could not pray for and he could not ask God to bless a party that had ignored the claims of the temperance cause. Much of the liquor traffic was chargeable to Christians he said, who could be found voting the ticket which had the support of the liquor dealers. The liquor party, therefore, had two parties, and this being the case there was need of a third party.

Street Commissioner H. A. Bentley's report for February was read and received.

The report of committee on Streets and Highways was read and received and on its recommendation the following bills were ordered paid from the several appropriations:

City Asylum	\$340.12
Paupers and Vagrants	302.12
Public Schools	4,129.66
Police Department	630.20
Streets and Highways	1,942.65
Sewers	163.19
Judicials	1,714.18
Building Street	1,714.18
Salaries	885.84
Water supply	2,570.09
Board of Health	26.21
Renewal of House Tax	241.56
Books, Stationery and Prints	210.00
Debt	10.00
Ward Meetings	30.00
Burial Grounds	50.00
Jewish Synagogues	2.50
	\$17,701.40

A supplementary report of the Finance Committee, stating that an examination of the various reports of City Treasurer Coggeshall had found them correct, was read and received.

The committee on Fire Department reported, recommending the purchase of a new set of wheels for steam fire engine No. 1 at a cost of \$175. The report was received and the recommendation granted, the expense to come from the fire department appropriation.

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The report of committee on Streets and Highways was read and received and on its recommendation the Street Commissioner, under the committee's supervision, was authorized to repair the south and west face of City Wharf at an estimated cost of \$300, to purchase one single express supply wagon at a cost not to exceed \$10; one large street sprinkling cart at a cost not to exceed \$250 and an engine and boiler for supplying water tank at Collins' Beach, at a cost not to exceed \$350.

A communication was received from City Engineer Bentley, in which the needs of and benefits which would be derived from meteorological observations were set forth. Mr. Bentley suggested that the necessary instruments might be borrowed from the government bureau, but if not he recommended that they be purchased by the City at a cost of \$300. The matter was referred to the committee on Streets and Highways with instructions to ascertain the best means of procuring the apparatus and report at the next meeting.

A communication from J. M. Hodgson, setting forth the needs of more efficient drainage about his property on Believe avenue, was read and referred to the Highway Committee.

The monthly and annual reports of the Board of Health were read and received, and a communication from the same, requesting the passage of certain ordinances, was referred to the Ordinance Committee.

A petition from Sarah S. Caswell and others, remonstrating against the widening of Bliss Road, was received and referred for a public hearing to Tuesday the 16th inst.

A petition from J. Truman Burdick, calling attention to the condition of his property at the lower part of the city during the late heavy rains, was received and referred to the committee on Streets and Highways.

A resolution was passed authorizing the City Clerk to ask for proposals for printing and binding 2000 copies of the City Documents, 300 copies to be bound in sheep.

It was voted to ask the General Assembly to pass an act conferring additional powers on the Newport City Council. A draft of the proposed act was read to the Board.

On application of A. Prescott Baker he was appointed auctioneer.

An offer from Cook, Haddock & Briggs to furnish the city with enameled iron street signs at \$12 per dozen was referred to the committee on Streets and Highways.

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A bill of \$775, for preliminary sketches, plans, working drawings, etc., for the new fifth ward school building, was referred to the committee on Finance.

A resolution was passed, fixing the license fee for billiard and pool tables at \$25 and \$150 respectively, except in hotels or regular billiard saloons where the pool tables will be the same as billiard—\$25.

Billiard and pool table licenses were granted H. Bull, Jr., for the Perry House.

Andrew K. McMahon was appointed Burial Superintendent as provided in Chapter 475 of the General Statutes.

The Assessors of Taxes were allowed to amend their report as to refund certain taxes assessed against the heirs of the late R. M. Franklin.

The report of Gas and Lamp Committee was received and on its recommenda-

City Council.

The regular meeting of the City Council for March was held Tuesday evening with a full membership of both bodies. His Honor Mayor Powell presiding in the Board of Aldermen and President Waters in the Common Council.

Finance report No. 2 was read and received and on its recommendation the following bills were ordered paid from the several appropriations:

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A petition from Paul M. Ennis and others for a pipe sewer on East Bowery street was received and referred to the committee on Streets and Highways.

Complaints of suffering from improper sewerage were received from Wm. S. Brownell and others, Third street; John Murphy, Callendar avenue; and Patrick Ebbett, Potter street, and referred to the committee on Streets and Highways.

Poetry.**A Rose From Her Hair.**

BY EBEN C. RENFORD.

Here is a blossom from her hair,
She wears it standing on the stairs;
To hear the music ebb and flow,
Just as she stood that summer-night,
Sweet with the fragrance of June—
A radiant vision, with a smile
To match the gleam of the moon.
I see the distant dangers afar,
To sweet wistfulness, down the room,
As if a dream's enchanted tide
Were onward, swept by silent perfume
Of rose, and heliotrope, and musk,
And the perfume of the sun,
Born of the musk and the dusk,
Sweet odors and the midnight's glow.
Oh, dream or no, so sweet, so sweet!
I close my eyes, and see it all,
And hear the tread of light, swift feet,
And laughing voices down the hall;
This blossom in her yellow hair,
And in her happy eyes I see
Her thoughts, and thus now courage
there.

I whisper low some quiet conceit
Piled in that secret world before,
The soul's pulses leap and beat,
To softer measures than before,
Because her eyes are meeting mine—
O radiant eyes, so sweet, so true!
And love hangs out its rosy sign
On fairest face I ever know.
I feel, as she leans down on the sofa,
The warm, full throb of her breath;
She smiles, and drops from her hair
This blossom, drooping to its death,
And all her loosened tresses fall,
O'er neck and bosom golden,
As with the rose from laughing lips,
She throws a roguish kiss to me.

Traveller's Record.

Endurance.

BY ELIZABETH AKERS ALLEN.

How much the heart may bear, and yet not
break! How much the flesh may suffer, and not die!
I question much if any pain or ache
Or soul or body brings our more strife.
Dear friends, we are not ill; till that is sworn,
All evils may be borne.

We shrink not shudder at the surgeon's knife,
Each nerve receding from the cruel steel,
Whose edge seems searching for the quivering
life;
Yet to our eyes the bitter pang reveals,
The agonies of trembling dash to torn,
This also can be born.
We see a surrow rising in our way
And try to flee from the approaching ill;
We seek some small escape; we weep and pray;
But when the blow falls, then our hearts are

still;

Not that the gain is of its sharpness shorn
But that it can be borne!

We wind our life about another life;

We hold it closer, dearer than our own;

Anon it faints and falls in deathly strife,

Leaving us stunned and stricken and alone;

But still we do not die with those we mourn;

This also can be borne.

Both, we live through all things—fondle,

Therapeutic, pain; all grief and misery,

All woe and sorrow; life inflicts its worst;

The woe is sick, not tired, not faint, and worn,

Lo, all things can be borne!

Selected Tale.**TWO KISSES.**"Madam will you give me something
to eat?"It was a bitter pass for the proud,
pampered and flattered child of luxury
and indulgence to come to; and the half-sullen, half-deaf tones in which the
words were uttered were evidence of
their inward rebellion against the hateful
necessity forced upon him."Something to eat?" repeated the lady,
a kind-looking matron of about
thirty-five, who had come to the door
on seeing him approach, and cast a
quick comprehensive glance over his
person and attire. "Oh, yes!" she
added. "Come in.""Who is it, maude?" asked a little
eager voice, as a pretty child of eight
years came from an inner room."Only a poor man, dear, who wants
something to eat," replied the lady.
"There now!" she continued, placing
a well-filled tray upon the table. "Sit
down and help yourself."

The stranger obeyed.

A few words would have told his
story. The only child of wealthy par-
ents, Ralph Wentworth had lived to
the age of twenty in ease and luxury. He
had graduated with a fair record
from college, but with no marked pro-
ficiencies for any art or calling, save the
very agreeable and congenial one of
enjoying the good things of life. With-in a week after the brilliant festivities
that had celebrated his majority, his
father had fallen dead in the street
from a paralytic stroke, leaving his
family penniless. In a week more his
mother had sunk to the grave; and Ibo-
petted, indigent boy was left to face
the world alone, with no resources,
save a hundred pounds that remained
of his father's birthday gift.With the first shock of bereavement
over, friends clustered around him,
ready to advise and eager to assist in
the spending of his little patrimony.
That once gone, his friends went also.Ralph made a few ineffectual efforts
to obtain some employment. But where
the hoar of prospective thousands had
been met with smiles and affability, the
impious young man now encountered
supercilious looks and incredulous
shrugs.Finally, filled with misanthropic dis-
gust against these sinner friends, he
had resolved to quit London, and go be-
ware not where. On the morning
after coming to this decision, while
glancing aimlessly over a paper, his eye
fell upon an item describing the mar-
velous discovery of gold in California.

In an instant his resolve was formed,

He would go there. If he must begin

at the bottom of the social ladder and

earn his bread by manual labor, it

should, at least, be away from the sight

and snore of those who had helped to

bring him to this pass. He had strong

hums, and he would make the journey

to Liverpool on foot.

"What is it makes you feel so very
bad?"The little earnest voice breaking in
upon his painful reverie aroused him
with a start.

Seated in a little-rocker, which she

was gently swaying to and fro, with

her hands folded in her lap, and her

sweet, wistful eyes fixed with a search-

ing sympathetic gaze upon him, was

the child whose presence he had

entirely forgotten. Her mother had

left the room temporarily, and he had

thought himself alone.

He could not speak for a moment;

then regaining more composure, he

said, answering her question with an
aloud:

"And why do you think I feel bad,

little one?"

"Because your face looks so sad, and

you don't eat anything hardly; and you

almost cried just now," replied the

little creature, bending forward. "Don't

fixing an earnest gaze upon him. "Don't

you feel happy?"

"Not very happy, child; that is a
fact."

And another sigh finished the sentence.

"Are you a bad man?" was the next question.

A half smile parted Ralph's pale lips.

"Why do you ask me that?" he re-
sponded.

"Because mamma says that real good

people are always happy, and that they

only feel sad when they do something
wrong."

"I suppose mamma is right," said

Ralph, sighing. "And yet I am not a
bad man, little one; only a foolish one."

"I am foolish sometimes," said the

little creature, shaking her head with
serious air. "And then mamma tells

me to sit down in my chair and think

about it; and, by and by, I feel very

sorry, and look sad like you do now.

Don't you feel sorry you was so foolish?"

"Indeed, I do, my child," said the

young man, with involuntary earnestness.

"But tell me," he added, interested

in her artless prattle, "what do you

you do?"

"I tell mamma how sorry I am, and

then she kisses me, and I feel better.

Haven't you any mamma or friends to

kiss you?"

"No, little one. My mother is dead,

and my friends are all gone."

The child pondered for a moment.

"That is too bad!" she exclaimed,

thoughtfully.

Then suddenly raising her little face

fervent with tender sympathy, she ad-
ded:

"Will it make you feel better if I

kiss you?"

There was a simple but touching

pathos in the artless words that stirred

the heart of the homeless man as it had

not been stirred before; and bending

forward, he said with emotion:—"Yes,

I think it will. I am sure it will."

"Well, I will kiss you."

And, rising from her chair, the child

stepped to his side, and kissed the tips

that bent down to meet hers.

"Now you won't be foolish any more,

will you?" she asked.

"Indeed, I will try not to be!" was

the earnest answer.

"God bless you, little one! That is

the sweetest kiss I have had since my

mother died. How I wish I had a dear

little friend like you!"

"I will be your friend," said the child.

"And with a moment—will get you

something."

Darting away from his side, she left

the room, returning in five minutes

with a small parcel in her hand.

"See here," she said, opening it upon

his knee. "Papa had my picture on

some cards the other day, and he gave

me this one to do just as I please with.

He wrote my name on it—Maude E.

Eva Granger." I will give it to you, and

when you look at it you can think of

your little friend, won't you?"

"But will your mamma let you give

this to me?" asked Ralph with some

misgiving.

"Oh, yes!" I asked her just now. I

told her I wanted to give you some-

thing to make you happy, and she said,

"Very well, dear. Now you'll have

one friend, won't you?"

"Yes," said the young man, taking

her soft, little hand in his. "And if I

should come back again some of these

days, and tell you that I have been

good, and not foolish any more, will

you kiss me again?"

"To be sure I will!" was the eager

response of the lad.

"I thank you kindly, madam, for your

hospitality," he said, bowing with

grave courtesy, for a new spirit had

been infused into him by the sweet

sympathy of that little child, and he

was no longer felt like a homeless tramp.

"Good-by."

He pressed little Maude's hand in a

close hugging clasp, raised his hat to

his beneficence, and left the house.

Five years had passed, finding Ralph

Wentworth still working as a common

laborer at the steamer, and still reckoned

among the most sturdy, efficient and

faithful. Every evening, when his work

was ended, he would wander off to

some secluded spot, then drawing a lit-
tle package from his pocket, gaze long

and earnestly at the pictured face, it

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G. L. CONNOR, Gen. Passenger Agt., N. Y.
J. H. JORDAN, Agent, New York, R. I.

FOR CONANICUT ISLAND.

Jamestown and Newport Steam Ferry Time Table.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, February 8, 1886, until further notice, the steamer JAMES-TOWN, Capt. P. H. Anderson, will run no ferries: Jamestown 6:15 A. M., 11:00 A. M., 1:30 P. M., 3:30 P. M., 5:30 P. M., 7:30 P. M., 9:30 P. M., or on arrival of Providence boat, Saturdays only.

SUNDAYS.

Leave Jamestown 8:30 A. M., 4:00 P. M.
Leave Newport 10:15 A. M., 4:30 P. M.

Old Colony Railroad.

ON and after Monday, October 12, 1885, trains

leave Newport for Boston 7:35, 10:20 A. M., 1:35, 4:30 P. M., RETURN, 8:35, 11:40 A. M., 3:30, 4:45, 6:00 P. M. Trains from Boston are late at Newport at 11:15 A. M., 2:20, 6:05, 8:15 P. M. From Boston to Providence 10:30, 11:45 A. M., 12:45, 1:45 P. M. Returns 12:45, 1:45 P. M., 4:30, 5:30 P. M., or on arrival of Providence boat, Saturdays only.

ALEX. N. BARKER, Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, City of Newport, February 23, A. D. 1886.

ON THE PETITION, in writing, of Mary E. Tow and others, presented this day, praying that letters of administration on the estate of ANDREW PECKHAM, late of Fall River, below, late of said town, deceased, intestate, may be granted to Joseph D. Peckham of Newport, or some other suitable person:

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 16th day of March, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office, in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested by advertisement in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

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ON THE PETITION, in writing, of Patrick M. Sullivan and others presented this day, praying that letters of administration on the estate of MARGARET SULLIVAN, late of Fall River, below, late of said town, deceased, intestate, may be granted to Joseph D. Peckham of Newport, or some other suitable person:

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NATHANIEL GREENE, presents to this Court an instrument in writing, bearing date January 20th, 1886, according to the last will and testament of his mother,

ANN M. GREENE, late of Middlefield, Conn., with the above instrument, purporting that it was executed in writing, and proved, and allowed to be recorded, and that Letters Testamentary on her estate may be granted to him, the Executive named herein:

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The Mercury.

JOHN F. SANBORN, Editor and Proprietor.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 1886.

Mrs. Hawley, wife of Senator Hawley of Connecticut, died in Washington Wednesday evening of pneumonia. She was a most estimable lady and her loss will be keenly felt by a large community.

The labor agitation all over the country is growing more serious every day. Strikes are growing more numerous and there is likely to be serious disturbances during the coming summer unless wise counsels prevail.

Maine railroads are just beginning to crawl out of the snow banks in which they were buried last week. This has been the most severe storm ever known in Northern New England and Canada.

Secretary Whitney next to Attorney General Garland is the daisy of the Cabinet. He is said to spend \$3000 a day on curiosities and is extensively mixed up in the Broadway railroad scandal. Who is the next member to come to the front?

Mr. Philo B. Hovey, well known here as the United States steamboat inspector of boilers for New London district, which includes Newport and all the ports of Narragansett Bay, has received notice that his services are no longer required. Mr. Charles M. Daboll has been appointed as his successor. Mr. Beckwith, the steamboat inspector of hulls, will be retained. Was Mr. Hovey an "offensive partisan?"

The Kansas story about a flock of sheep being fastened together by their fleeces freezing together with melted snow, is matched by one in Georgia. A farmer at Brownwood, who keeps a large flock in a range where cockle-burrs are numerous, the other day noticed fifteen sheep side by side, their heads all pointing the same way, looking as if out for a drill. He yelled at them to move, and the whole lot moved at once. He finally discovered that the burrs had got into their wool, and they were stuck against each other's sides.

Secretary Larmer recently went to call on the wife of Representative Blount and the ladies of her family at their hotel. He sent up his card, but when they came down to the reception room he was not there. Late in the evening his card came up again, and he explained to the ladies that he had wandered away, having completely forgotten what he came to the hotel for and that he had sent in his card. After his apology and a short call the Secretary departed—without his hat.

During the late heavy storm, lobsters in great numbers and of unusual size were driven high and dry on the beach, with the kelp and seaweed, between New London and Rustico. In fact, our informant tells us more were destroyed by that one storm than were canned in that locality last season. The lobsters were covered with spawn as fully as in the summer months, which goes to show the great difficulty of telling when the close season should commence or when it should end.—[Charlottetown Patriot].

In the General Assembly during the past week bills have passed the house submitting to the electors amendments to the constitution prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in the state; also allowing soldiers and sailors of the late war of foreign birth, who served from Rhode Island to vote without property qualifications. These bills if passed by the Senate will be submitted to the people at the April election, and if passed by a three-fifths vote they will become a part of the constitution of the state. The bill submitting a woman suffrage amendment to the people passed the Senate without opposition and will probably pass the house. This is the first step of the bill and cannot be submitted to the people till passed by another legislature. The bill in regard to the maintenance of the stone bridge was reported back from the committee on judiciary on Tuesday and made the special order of the Senate for Wednesday next. This bill provides that Newport shall pay one-third of the expense of maintaining said bridge instead of one-fifth as she does now. Portsmouth and Tiverton shall bear the same expense as now and Middletown and Little Compton shall each pay two fifteenths. In the Senate Thursday a bill providing for a board of License Commissioners for Newport was presented and referred to the committee on the judiciary, and by that committee agreed to be reported favorably. This bill takes the granting of liquor licenses out of the hands of the Board of Aldermen and places it in the hands of three persons to be chosen by the Board of Aldermen. These commissioners are to serve for three years, one of whom is to be elected each year. A bill allowing the Society of Friends to sell their property on Main Avenue was passed, and the house passed an amendment to the Newport Gas Light Co., increasing the number of directors from five to seven. The amendment to the Newport Reading room act was passed and the bill to incorporate the Newport Safety Deposit Company was referred to the next General assembly with an order of notice. The bill appointing a joint special committee to consider and report upon the desirability and practicability of establishing a soldiers home in this state was passed and Messrs. Sanborn of Newport and Chase of East Greenwich were appointed on the part of the Senate. Messrs. Lincoln and Freeman of Charlestown, on the part of the house.

Judge Field Unhappy.

Judge Field of the Supreme Court, according to the report in court circles, says a Washington Correspondent, has declared his intention of having no more political relations with the President. As a leading democrat he expected a large voice in the Pacific Coast appointments and was very free in giving his advice at the White House. It was always disregarded. Finally Mr. Field limited his suggestions to the officers of the courts in his circuit, but in this also the "sand lots and socialists," as he is understood to characterize the dominant democratic faction, have beaten him at every move. It is now announced that he is entirely disgusted with the office seeking business, and will make no more recommendations. He is very much disappointed.

If Hon. James M. Drake of New York rents his cottage, he and his family will pass the summer at the White Mountain.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

How the Law-Makers are Occupied—Opposition to the Pan-Electric Investigation—The House Chaplain and His "Pastorate"—Society Notes.

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1886.

With telephone and counter investigations in the House of Representatives, resolutions condemnatory of the Administration's policy and counter-resolutions in the Senate, with partisan debates, personal differences and daily spats and twits in both Houses, our law makers have but little time left to devote to their real business.

When a substitute was offered for the Hamblen inquiry into the Pan-Electric affair a voice from West Virginia was the only one raised against it. It was that of Representative Gibson, who was unwilling to see the House drift into an investigation which could do no respect to it, no confidence to the country, and no good to any human being. In the first place there had been no charge against any official that would justify a trial. He then attacked Congressman Pulitzer (of the New York World) who was not in his seat at that time. Mr. Pulitzer, not an editor of a paper, did not sit fit to attack the Attorney General in an open, honest, manly way, like a Representative should have done, but undertook to retreat behind the irresponsible columns of his newspaper for the purpose of creating a scandal.

At this point Mr. Gibson was reminded that the gentleman from New York was not present. "I cannot help that, he ought to be here," replied Mr. Gibson. "If Mr. Garland is to be assailed," continued he, "let him be assailed with the certainty of a chicken thief. Let him be assailed with the manliness which the character of his reputation deserves."

But do not understand Mr. Gibson to be a champion of the Administration. He declared that as far as cleanliness and honesty were concerned, it was equal to any we had ever had, but said that he had very little regard for its politics. He was simply protesting against Congress drifting into an investigation that could do neither party any good. He had no doubt the Pan-Electric men courted a thorough investigation, knowing that they were honest and upright. "But," added he, "we are here to investigate every man who wants his character established, or to investigate every man whose character some one else wants to blacken."

While the Forty Ninth Congress may not work as industriously as it might, it enjoys the reputation of being the most honest and best dressed body that ever graced the Hall. An eminent divine, who recently visited Washington, spent a good deal of time at the Capitol. He reports a higher type of men there now than ever before. And indeed the people have many representatives here who honestly, faithfully, modestly, and earnestly attend to their duties. Accidental slips of tempor and irregularities in Senatorial and Congressional circles are certain to be reported over the land. The patience, industry, unburden and self-sacrifice of scores of men, who are wearing their lives out in committee rooms or in other trying positions here, are not appreciated or known by the country.

A Republican member facetiously remarked that the fevred manner in which the blind chaplain of the House offers daily invocation indicates that he sees what appears to be invisible to the majority—the imperative necessity for earnest prayer in a Democratic House. Dr. Milburn seems to have made an impression on the rather unusual congregation over which he is called to preside. Formerly no attention was paid to the Chaplain's utterances, but now members rise to their feet, and listen attentively to the morning prayer, which is always brief, simple, and direct.

Dr. Milburn visits the members of the House as other pastors visit their congregations. Quite a number of the congressmen are Catholics, with whom the Chaplain is as popular as with the Protestants. Forty years ago, Dr. Milburn first officiated as Chaplain of the House. Ten years later he was appointed for the second time, and another interval of thirty years finds him in the office again, commanding the respect of that body to an extent that is considered remarkable.

The President is gradually fulfilling the season's social programme, which was so much retarded by several weeks of mourning. The social event of the week at the White House was the military reception in honor of the army and navy officers. It was a brilliant affair in several ways. The officers were in full uniform, and since even ensigns wear epaulets now, there was an unusual amount of glitter and tinsel.

The butterflies of fashion have only about ten days more in which to flutter before the penitential season begins. Their weary, faltering feet are going at the reckless speed of five tons in an afternoon, and six receptions in the same evening.

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The Rhode Island Historical Magazine.

It will be pleasing to all interested in the history of Rhode Island to know that "Bull's Memoirs" of the Island of Rhode Island 1685-1783, are being reprinted, with additional notes and corrections, in the Rhode Island Historical Magazine. Bull's Memoirs are frequently quoted, but as the papers containing them complete cannot now be obtained, an opportunity is given to all interested to preserve them in this new form. The first installment appears in the January number, which, by the way, is one of the most interesting of the series. Besides the introductory chapters of Bull's Memoirs, the January number contains an article on America, reprinted from Arthur Brown's Miscellaneous Sketches published in London in 1708. This article is full of interesting items relating to New England and especially to Rhode Island, in which colony the author was born and whose father was rector of Trinity church, Newport, from 1760 to 1771. The Journal of Lieut. John Truvett (1774-1782) is exceedingly interesting in this number; the Journal gives an account of his visit to Newport in January 1777, when his native town was occupied by the British. An article on "Rhode Island families who went to Long Island during King Philip's war," by Darrill H. Carpenter, gives us many facts relating to that time. An interesting biographical sketch of Caleb Gardner, by Rev. W. S. Gardner of Dorsey, Md.:—Two letters written in 1822, the first from an association of Massachusetts ministers, the other from the people of Providence in answer to the first, will be read by all interested in the Religious Freedom of Rhode Island with a keen relish. The usual number of historical notes and queries, installment for the records of Trinity church, Newport, R. I., the records of the Society of Friends, Newport, and of the record of Jamestown, I. L., together with many genealogical notes and queries make up the January number. We advise our readers to subscribe for this publication that they may be able to obtain the memoirs mentioned above complete. The present volume began with the July number, 1885. Bulk numbers of the present volume can be furnished. Subscriptions may be sent to this office where single copies may also be obtained. Terms \$2 per annum.

The Providence Plantations.

One of the notable undertakings to which the approaching celebration of the foundation of the city has given rise is the publication by J. A. and R. A. Reid, of a comprehensive and beautiful history of "The Providence Plantations for Two Hundred and Fifty Years."

It is preeminently a work worthy of being done and done well as a testimony to the simple virtues of the fathers, as a witness to this generation to the profound truth that this community was established in righteousness and builded upon the trust Christian liberty, and as an inspiration and pattern to those who come after us. The nature of the proposed work may best be judged by a transcript of its title-page.

It is intended to be "an historical review of the foundation, rise and progress of the city of Providence, with a graphic description of the city at the present time, and of its industries, commerce, manufactures, business interests, educational, religious and charitable institutions, civic, scientific and military organizations; also sketches of the cities of Newport and Pawtucket, and the other towns of the State for which Providence is the commercial centre, together with an account of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of Providence, giving the programmes observed, the orations, lists of organizations and societies participating, and other matters in full, being a complete historical souvenir of the occasion, illustrated with many engravings of historic places and people, quaint subjects, and with views showing present appearance of many of the prominent streets, business blocks and residences of the city, engravings of many ancient and notable documents, portraits of many prominent citizens, and engravings of all the Mayors of the city." Welcome A. Greene will be the author, and he will be assisted by Rev. William H. Fish, Hon. Thomas A. Doyle writes an introduction, and special chapters will be finished by Miss Katherine H. Austin, Thomas J. Gould, George A. Stockwell, Walter B. Frost, Albert C. Winsor and others. To judge of the preliminary chapters, the work will be comprehensive and popular, rather than pedagogically minute; and, with its 200 illustrations, handsome type and heavy paper can scarcely fail of being a volume of much beauty.

PICKING OUT GOOD ORANGES.

To very many an orange is an orange, the only variation distinguishable being in size and corresponding price, while those who know the difference between "Florida," "Seville" and "Messina" oranges are considered experts. The "Florida Catechism" tells us better than that. We learn from it that there are "over thirty" varieties of sweet oranges, not to mention the "natural stock," which is a larger and handsomer fruit than the sweet orange, and is excellent for orangeade and juice mangle, but, being very sour, is seldom shipped North. The medium sizes are apt to be the choicest, and "probably the very sweetest orange that is marketed" is the rusty coated and rather ill-looking orange, which might be considered inferior by an amateur. Furthermore "the way to detect oranges is to 'lift' them in your hands; pick out the thin-skinned heavy fruit, and you are all right." The light-weight fruit is apt to be juiceless, a condition caused either by a slight freezing while on the tree, or more probably, by the poverty of the soil in which it grew.

All this applies to the sweet oranges. The "kid glove" oranges are grown in Florida from two stocks brought, respectively, from China and Tangiers. Hence they are called Mandarin and Tangier oranges. Both are small, the skin is loose and easily removed, and the sections fall apart so readily that a lady can eat one without soiling her gloves; hence the name.

Some other interesting bits of information may be picked out from this "Catechism." "An orange that is entirely dead ripe in December will hang on the tree until March, and is ready at any time to be picked and shipped; while so far from deteriorating, "the longer they hang on the trees the sweeter they grow," and Florida oranges, purchased in February and March, are therefore apt to be better than those procured early in the season. Again, the notion that, to know what an orange is really like, one must go where the oranges grow appears to be a popular fancy, as we are told that "the orange picked from the tree is no riper or better than the orange on the fruit stalk in the North."

DELICATE LADIES.

Who have had tired and aching feelings, and don't like to be disturbed, continue to use the Liniment and Salve, and then renew their impure blood. Schubar Bitters will cause new and rich blood to course through every artery and vein in the human system. See another column.

The Late Wm. DeBols.

The late William DeBols, whose death occurred on the 27th day of February last, was the son of Stephen and Sarah Ellis (Deane) DeBols, and was in business with his father from the time of his boyhood until his father's death in 1831. He never was married, and continued a member of his father's family until his father's death, and with his mother until her death in 1868, in the unequal home of his mother (the Dean House) on Bellevue avenue and Prospect Hill Street, and after her death with his sisters and brother, Henry DeBols, at whose residence he died. He lived a retired life, and though a strong party man in politics, never sought for office, although he took great interest in municipal affairs and saw with pleasure the increasing prosperity of his native city.

Mr. DeBols descended from an ancestry of merchants, the men who gave to Newport its character for commercial enterprise previous to the Revolution of 1776. He was the grandson of Stephen DeBols, of Oxford, England, who with his two brothers, Lewis DeBols at London, and George DeBols at Halifax, and himself at Newport, founded a large and successful commercial business. They imported directly from London and other parts of England, hardware and dry goods, and exported from Newport to New York, Charleston, S. C., and other places wherever they could find a market. The grandfather, Stephen, at the time of the Revolution, when his commercial business was ruined, left Newport until the war was over, and then returned to his adopted home to rebuild the old house, and continued to carry on business until his death in 1801, one of the most respected merchants of the day.

NOVEMBER 1885.

W. G. Gardner.

The Cincinatti grand jury is not doing its duty as Mr. Halstead looks at it. Among the indictments found is one for a chicken thief, one of a breaker of the Sabbath, by exhibiting an amusement, two for Sabbath-breaking by selling liquor, but none for ballot box stuffing and the forgery of tally sheets.

Since the freeze, there is a call for "diversified farming" in Florida. The Jacksonville Herald says: "Let us have less 'blow' and more corn, cotton, cane, fodder and meat, and we shall not be put in mortal terror every time the thermometer goes down to 20° above zero."

THE EXCITEMENT CONTINUES.

THE immense stock of J. A. Foster and Co., 45 and 45½ Dorcas street, Providence, must be sold at once and prices are named that will accomplish that object. Everything, valuable diamonds, sealskin garments, silk dress patterns, rich jewelry, mens clothing, musical instruments, half price. A solid silver watch for \$2. Call and see for yourself.

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Marriages.

In this city, 23d ult., by the Rev. H. N. Jeff, Clifford Johnson and Mary Walker, both of this city.

In this city, 21st ult., by Rev. Joseph Holbrook, George A. Wilson and Marie J. Ladd, both of this city.

In Fall River, 28th ult., George E. Cobb, of Mansfield, and Mrs. Isabel M. Gray, of Little Compton.

DEATHS.

In this city, 22d ult., Ambrose Benjamin Swanson, 89 years.

In this city, 23d ult., William, son of the late Sarah Ellis DeBols, aged 40 years.

In this city, 23d ult., Richard, son of Elizabeth and the late Samuel Pollitt, aged 5 years.

In this city, 23d ult., Ann Agnes, wife of William R. Pitman; and daughter of the late Theophilus Topliss, aged 70 years, 7 months and 9 days.

In this city, 21st ult., Mary L. beloved wife of William F. Leonard, and daughter of the late Captain Leonard and the late Martha Blinn, aged 67 years.

That dear and cherished mother, Who gave us o'er our life, Has she crossed the shining river? Has she ended earthly strife?

But though our hearts are breaking, That art free from earthly pain, And we cannot wish thee back, To pass thy trouble o'er again.

Ves, far better off art thou, In thy spirit home above;

But we miss thee O much!

Sadly miss thy care and love,

But we'll meet thee dearest mother, When thy loving heart is gone;

And thy love-like smiling shore;

May thou rest in peace.

Not you part to no part more.

In this city, 21st ult., Dolzar Schoensteller, aged 30 years, 6 months and 5 days.

In this city, 23d ult., Sarah, widow of John Groff, the 1st year of her age.

In South San Francisco, February 22d, Capt. Thomas J. Whiffen, a native of Rhode Island, aged 81 years.

In Providence 22d ult., Isaac Hill, 56; 28th, Ellen, wife of the late John Spalding, 32; 29th, Zephia S. Wilson, widow of the late John Spalding, 30; 30th, Albert J. Stinson, 36; 31st, Mary A. Winsor, widow of the late Alvin Harris, 32; 2d, Lucy, widow of Peter Norton, of Martha's Vineyard, 31; 2d, at the Home for Aged Men, John Wardell, 89; 3d, Deborah, widow of the late Jas. Norton, in the 73d year of his age, the Hon. Charles Norton, in the 73d year of his age.

In Johnston, 1st ult., Edward A. Hale, in the 81st year of his age.

In East Providence, 1st ult., Eliza, wife of Daniel Hiniker, aged 82 years.

In Atkinson, 20th ult., Lillian Barney, in the 71st year of his age.

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Fitch, Judge.

Farm and Family

Why Good Meat is Dear.

Beef or other meats can be much more cheaply produced in this country than in England, but there is not the same demand for the best here that exists there. Few in this country understand the difference between the poorest and the best beef, a difference that is not merely fancy, but based on analysis and practical experience. In all poor and immature beef there is a much larger proportion of water, which detracts from its nutritive value. Of course this beef must be sold cheaply to find a market. The fattening process is expensive, because it so largely consists of replacing water with fat or other dry substance. In some experiments by Dr. J. L. Lewis of Barnstead, England, he found that store sheep in ordinary condition had in 100 pounds of meat only 39 in dry substance, while other sheep of same age, thoroughly fattened, gave of dry substance 69 per cent, while only 37 per cent was water.

It requires time to effect these changes, and the rapid replacement of fat for water is not without its effect in retarding growth. Every farmer knows that young growing animals will not fatten easily. They may be kept in such good condition as to be always apparently ready for the butcher; but if killed before maturity, their meat will be less valuable, however sweet and good it may be. This matter of early maturity can be hastened somewhat, but there are limitations to the possibilities in this direction. We cannot expect the same quality of meat in any animal at one or two years old whose prime time for maturing is three or four. By judicious feeding, so as to keep the animal always thrifty but not fat, the digestive organs will be kept in good condition, and fat may be put on at the proper time with the least expense.

The old plan of keeping store stock in poor condition by half feeding is altogether wrong. When an animal is once started it is not possible to replace it where it would have been if judiciously fed all the time. Not only is the amount of water in the system increased out of its natural proportion, but the power of assimilating food is so denatured that it never can be fully restored. But continuous good feeding of stock is a art. It requires something more than merely furnishing a large supply of food. In short, skill in feeding is demanded to produce the best meat, and this skill in feeding must be paid for just as it is in every other avocation.—[Am. Cultivator.]

Early Spring Pigs.

The Farm and Stockman says those who do not consider it profitable to winter full pigs, prepare to have their sows farrow in the spring, but in that respect many of them make the mistake of having the pigs come rather too early. A young pig is a very delicate creature for the first two or three days of its existence, and is easily injured. Its chances are greatly lessened if the litter is large. The sooner it becomes active and able to scrounge from a place with its brothers and sisters, the greater its opportunities, and hence when it is farrowed on a warm day, and not exposed thereto, it gets a start in life which is very advantageous. Should the weather be severely cold, however, the pig either succumbs or receives a check from which it does not recover until the warm season begins, which, however, is partially lost time, during which the pig should have been making growth. If the sows farrow in a warm place, with all the conveniences for herself and pigs, the difficulty may be partially avoided, but as long as the farmer desires the pigs to come in the spring, it is best to have the time occur in April or May. It may be urged that pigs farrowed in February or March have ten months for growth if they are to be slaughtered at the end of the year, but we can safely assert that the pig farrowed in May will be fully as large as the earlier pig, if the latter has to pass through two months of cold weather. It is of more advantage to have a late pig that has been farrowed under favorable conditions than to have an early pig that has to struggle for its life at the beginning.—[Tribune, and Farmer.]

New Way of Bottling Milk.

The bottles or jars are filled as full as possible and as quickly as possible after milking. They are closed-air-tight, and either plunged in ice water or placed in the shipping boxes and covered with broken ice. The result is that this milk, after being sent to the city and delivered to customers, will keep perfectly sweet a week or even ten days. We have no doubt that a family going to Europe with young children, might use one or two bottles a day during the ten days' voyage, and notice no difference from that used on the first and last day. To put up milk in this way to keep thus long, requires healthy, well-fed cows, a clean stable free from odors, quick milking, quick handling, air-tight jars and prompt capping, and besides it is probably necessary that the milk should be kept cool, if not cold, all the time. It would be next to impossible to get common farm lands or even common farmers to do this work uniformly well, hence the system is hardly applicable to the general trade, and this "perfect milk" must always command a high price. Still the fact is known, and it may be a great boon to delicate children and invalids, for whom the best is never too costly for people of means. When put up in this way, the cream of course rises quickly. If used, it may be dipped off with a spoon, or the jar being inverted and shaken up, the cream may be again thoroughly mixed with the milk before opening the jar.—[Am. Agriculturist for Feb.

Artificial Feeding of Lambs.

It frequently happens that artificial feeding of lambs is necessary, and to do it successfully, good judgment is required. The point is to promote a healthy and rapid growth, and not allow the lamb to starve. The milk of some cows, especially Jerseys, is too rich, and should be diluted with a little warm water. Cows' milk alone is not a good feed, since it frequently causes constipation. It may be given by adding a little cane molasses. Milk, when fed, should be about at its natural temperature, and not scalded. Lambs, and especially "pet" lambs, are often "killed with kindness." Feed only about a gill to a half-pint at first. After the lamb has become accustomed to the milk, it may be fed to the extent of its appetite. When old enough, feed a little flaxseed and oats, or oil-meal if early fattening is desired. There are various methods of feeding young lambs artificially. A satisfactory way is to use a one-quart kerosene-oil can, with the spout fixed so as to attach a nipple; the milk flows more freely from this than from a bottle, on account of the vent. Let ewes and lambs have clean, well-ventilated apartments. When the weather is mild and warm, turn them out into the yard. If it is not convenient to let the ewes out, arrange partitions and pens so that the lambs may

enjoy the outside air and sunlight. Cor. "Sheep Breeder and Wool Grower."

Agricultural Notes and Hints.

Ventilate the collar. Old sheep will fatten faster if fed corn meal. Warm days, give the animals a run out of doors. Breeding mares should have a chance to stir about. The breed of hens that lay in winter are the ones that are best cared for. The manure question is the most important one connected with agriculture or horticulture.

Buckwheat bran will make milk; corn meal and oil cake will make cream; cold will make this poor.

See that the wind has not blown off the litter intended for protection to the strawberry beds.

Twenty years ago hardly any butter was imported into England; now nine-tenths per cent of all that is used is imported.

The farmer that gets the most eggs is the one that gets up earliest and sends to his flock a good, warm breakfast by daylight.

The farmer that raises the best root crop is the one that keeps the largest flock of fowls and uses the droppings on the soil.

Farmers do too much guessing in their business; trust too much to chance, luck and the moon, and do too little close figuring.

If onions become frozen do not disturb them, as they will soon rot if handled. If they have been stored in a place of even temperature, or where the fluctuations are gradual, they can be kept very easily.

Stone fences may be durable during the first few years after construction, but are difficult to repair when they once begin to crumble. In any case it is desirable to have fences that can be removed at will, and this is another strong argument against the employment of stone for such purposes.

The best turkey is the Bronze kind, which is a cross of the native and grows to a large size, young gobblers reaching a weight of 20 pounds, and old ones weighing up to 40 pounds.

An excellent axle grease is made of two parts tallow, or palm oil, two parts castor oil, mixed by melting and one part of black lead pulverized. It is a costly preparation, but it is cheap because it is good and durable and saves the axles.

Powls which are constantly sneezing are probably affected by colds, or it may be a disease known as roup in its first stages and which is caused by cold. If the only symptom is sneezing, a few feeds of warm corn meal mush will soon set them right. If not, give each a pinch of powdered chloride of potassa, dropping it in their throat once a day.

The Toulouse geese are gray and white and are the largest geese known. When well fattened they will weigh 12 to 18 pounds at a year old. Under favorable circumstances, and with good grass pasture, geese can be kept with good profit, and do not require any water except to drink; indeed they do better without water to swim in unless it is a pond well stocked with wild plants, on which they feed—such, for instance, as wild celery.

Recipes for the Table.

PLUM PUDDING.—Beat together till creamy one coffee cup of sugar, some of butter, and the yolks of five eggs; then add a cup of black molasses, a dessertspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of each of ground allspice, cinnamon and cloves, and half a grated nutmeg. Beat all these together for fifteen minutes, then add, very gradually, one cup of sweet milk, then flour enough to make it as stiff as pound cake, to which has been added three heaping teaspoonfuls of Royal Baking Powder. Then add a cup of seedless raisins, the same of currants—all rolled in flour, and half a pound of finely-cut citron. Then add half a cup of brandy, and lastly the whites of the five eggs, beaten to a stiff froth. Butter the pudding dish well, and steam five hours. To be eaten with hard and wine sauce. These puddings, like rich fruit cake, will keep indefinitely. Many English kitchens have scores of them hung overhead, tied in thick paper bags. They can be readily steamed and then even superior to those freshly made. The above rule is only a moderate richness.—(Good Cheer.)

APPLE CHARLOTTE.—Nearly a quart of the stale bread crumbs; a full quart of sliced sour apples. Into a well-buttered pudding-dish put a layer of apples, then a layer of bread crumbs, plenty of bits of butter, a half-cup of sugar, a little salt and nutmeg. Repeat this till the dish is full, having a thick layer of apples and a good allowance of butter and sugar on the top. Cover the pudding-dish and bake slowly one hour; then with a spoon press the apples into the juice, frost the top and brown in the oven. May be eaten hot or cold, with or without sauce. By omitting the butter and substituting a cup of milk the apple charlotte is free from the objection of being too rich for children, and is still very delicious.

OMLET.—Break six eggs in a bowl; skim over the yolks into a large coffee cup; beat the whites to a stiff froth. Now beat the yolks enough to make them smooth, fill up the cup with milk, that is, as little as possible. Have the frying pan warm and a piece of butter the size of an egg already melted therein. Now pour in your eggs and milk; let it cook slowly; be sure not to burn. If there is danger of this hit it up from the bottom with a knife. When the froth is on the top it is done.

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A hundred years ago ladies used muffs five or ten times as large as the little rolls of fur or pouches of plush and lace enclosing the hands this winter.

Large buttons or large clasps instead of buttons ornament the side panels on the skirt of homespun dresses, as well as fasten the basque or jacket.

Long Fedoras plastrons of lace, colored, white, cream, and black, are much worn with plain silk or wool frocks to give the dressy effect for evening wear.

The latest novelties for sorties do bals are large, long pelisses of velvet brocade and close in evening colors lined with fur. One rich clasp of silver or gold fastens the garment at the neck.

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pepper; make a paste in the proportion of one-half pound of butter to one pound of flour, in which enclose the duck; tie the cloth around all and boil constantly for two hours; make a gravy by boiling a tablespoonful of butter, a tablespoonful of flour, a minced onion and a pint of water.

LEMON PUDDING, NEW STYLE.—Cream up one tablespoonful of fresh butter with one teaspoonful of sugar. Two eggs must be beaten up very light, and two lemons provided for seasoning. Dissolve a tablespoonful of cornstarch in a little cold milk, and then pour over it a teaspoonful of boiling water. Add to this the butter, sugar and eggs. Boil the lemons until soft, grate the rind into the butter, and also strain it into the juice. Bake in puff paste. This quantity makes two puddings, and will be found very nice.

BEEF CHIPS.—Boil a pound of fresh beef, remove the fat, and add a pint of water. Cut the beef into small pieces, add a little pepper and a few onions, and boil until tender. Add a little salt and a few bay leaves, and boil until the meat is tender.

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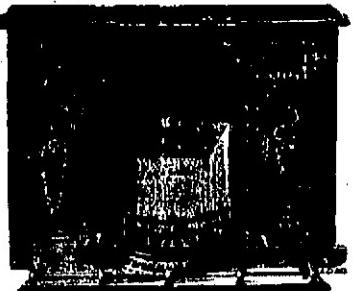
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In order to make room for Spring Goods we have decided on a sweeping reduction
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Hats at 15 cts. and up.

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sale. Don't forget the time and place. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, to continue
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Newport County News.

MIDDLETOWN.

It was a brisk wind that met the churchgoers of this town on Sunday last, yet quite a number were in attendance at the Four Corners M. E. church, and the afternoon service was much appreciated by those who braved the cold and cold. The pastor, W. A. Wright, occupied his pulpit as usual.

The stormy winds prevailing through this locality during the past fortnight, have prevented much outdoor work and caused much inconvenience to the milkmen, but very few accidents have been reported thus far.

Diphtheria has again made its appearance in the town, this time at the home of Mr. James Sherman on Love Lane. His children have been stricken with this disease, and a boy about seven years old died yesterday. A girl about eleven years and the mother are now very sick with the disease. Dr. Chase of Newport, has the cases in hand and it is hoped will master the disease.

The "Champion Whist Club," paid a visit to the Bachelor's Parlor a few evenings since and left a few points of interest to those learning the game.

The lecture by the Rev. E. E. Clark, of Newport, which has unavoidably been put off will take place at the Four Corners M. E. church, on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at 7:30 p. m. Subject: "The Geneva." It will be one of the most interesting evenings that you can pass, while the amount of knowledge which will be obtained cannot be stated. It is hoped all will attend that can, and by so doing do a great service to themselves as well as to the library association.

The lee in the east bay is fast moving seaward and our enthusiastic sportsmen can soon be able to try their guns at the "Coat."

Some thirty friends of Mr. Andrew Carpenter paid him a surprise visit at his home on Wapping road a few evenings ago; a joyous time was had and a genuine surprise to Andrew.

PORSCMOUTH.

In the "Vanuclie" district, for the winter term, there were 30 pupils registered; with an average daily attendance of 28; average number belonging, 32; percentage of attendance, 85; the average daily attendance was very much affected by the breaking out of diphtheria the first week of January.

The following names appear upon the "Roll of Honor": Mary Chase, Patrick Murphy, Anna G. Murphy, Bertha H. Manchester, Bertha W. Chase, Anna Chase, Bardsby H. Gifford, Charles M. Hughes and Kate Paquin.

The funeral services of the late Joseph H. Cory were held in the Methodist church, on Monday, at 12 o'clock, February 10th, have been projecting some fifteen or twenty feet above the water until last week, when they were removed by the cutter Dexter, and taken into Stonington. They will ultimately be sold.

CONNECTICUT.

At New Haven, February 10th, Solomon Share, a Russian Helmsman, recently convicted of bigamy, lay down in front of a freight train and was killed.

Despondency was the cause. He was thirty-five years old.

On Wednesday afternoon the friends of Mr. and Mrs. William Alfred Chase gathered at their residence, to witness the marriage of their daughter, Miss Abby to Mr. David Frank Hall. The solemn rite was performed by the Rev. J. Sturgis Peacock, Rector of St. Paul's church.

Mr. F. M. Ware, having bought out the mill carrier, Mr.—Stupson, who has been driving since the new route was established, is now personally driving the new route. It has proved thus far, that the new route is very disadvantageous to the citizens of the town. By the old route, for instance, a letter mailed in Boston, Mass., in the morning was received here in the afternoon; now it takes a letter two or three days to come from Boston.

TIVERTON.

Town Clerk John T. Cook presented March 1 his returns of the births of the town of Tiverton for the year 1885. There were 68 births, a gain of 10 over 1884. Of this number 30 were males, a gain of 4 over 1884, and 38 females, a gain of 12 over 1884. The youngest mother was 17 years old; the oldest 48, and the youngest father was 20; the oldest father 57. One mother was 35 years old and it was the eleventh child; one mother was 36 years old and it was the twelfth child; one mother was 34 and it was the eighth child. Of the fathers thirty-five were of foreign birth.

Miss Annie E. Hamblin is confined to the house by illness, and has been under the medical care of Dr. Cone, of Fall River.

The merchants on Tuesday morning were obliged to drive through to Fall River to take the train for Providence.

Mr. Albert Peckham met with a serious accident on Saturday. He was in the woods with his hired man cutting down trees, and one of the trees fell upon him, inflicting quite serious injuries. Dr. Gould, of Central Village, is the attending physician.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The report of the circulation of the public library for February is as follows: Total number of volumes circulated, 170, divided among the different classes of literature, as follows: Biography, 7; travel and geography, 7; literature and language, two; miscellaneous, 7; fiction, 92; juvenile, 81. Books added during February: "Ten Great Religions" by James Freeman Clark; "Zeph" by Helen Jackson; "Little Ann" "Continuity of Christian Thought" by A. V. G. Allen; "History of Napoleon I" by John Robert Seeley; "Madame Möhl" by Kathleen O'Meara; "Good Night and Good Morning" by Lord Houghton; "Rhode Island Manual, 1885-1886"; "Unitarian Review for January, 1886"; "The Story of Archer Alexander" by William G. Eliot; "Personal Narratives" by Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society of Rhode Island.

TOWN AFFAIRS.—The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council and Court of Probate was held at the Town Clerk's Office, at the Town Hall, on Monday, March 1st, at 10:30 A. M. Full board present, Samuel Borden excepted. President Humphrey in the chair.

A number of bills were presented, allowed and ordered paid.

It was voted that David Manchester have the care of the poor and the Town Asylum for the year ensuing at the same salary as last year.

Voted to order the Surveyor of Highways in District No. 4, Osborn, Richard W. Sherman, to put the Carey road, so called, in passable order.

Voted to continue the allowance of \$1.50 a week towards the support of Lucy Darbee, from January 7th until the April town meeting.

Notice ordered on the annual account of Joseph Church, Jr., guardian of his minor children, Hattie, Church, Maria Church, and Isaac Church.

Charles H. Brown appointed administrator on the estate of Mary Brown, bond was fixed at \$50; sureties, Wal-

ter C. Gray and Christopher Manchester; appraisers, Stephen P. Glynn, Ephraim Sanford and John T. Cook.

Mary H. Wilcox appointed administratrix on the estate of Luther Wilcox, deceased; bond was fixed at \$1000; sureties, Anna Brown, appraisers, Samuel Buteman, James G. Cory and Benjamin F. Hicks.

Notice ordered on petition of George W. Fisk for will of Gideon Otis Fisk to be proved, allowed and ordered recorded.

The stormy winds prevailing through this locality during the past fortnight, have prevented much outdoor work and caused much inconvenience to the milkmen, but very few accidents have been reported thus far.

As William H. Gray was examining a pistol, 240 cal., it went off the barrel passing through a little finger.

Nunquakot bridge has begun to show the effects of the flood and will require an expenditure to put it in order. The work of filling in the washouts in the various parts of the town goes steadily on.

The late Louisa Smith of Boston left bequest of \$100 to the Unitarian Church of Tiverton.

At the Town Council meeting, 1st, Charles H. Brown was appointed administrator on estate of Mary Brown, and Mary H. Wilcox appointed administratrix on the estate of L. W. Wilcox, deceased; it will be voted that David Manchester have the care of the poor and the town asylum for the year ensuing, at the same salary as last year.

New England Items.

RHODE ISLAND.

On Monday, just before sundown, many spy glasses were levelled on a vessel which was supposed to be a British steamer, which came from the eastward, being a considerable distance from the mainland, and when off the south side of Fisher's Island she appeared to roll starboard and her head was turned towards the Island. A portion of the mainmast was hoisted, seemingly with the intention of keeping the vessel headed to the windward, and which did not have the proper effect. From one side, those who were watching her saw water was flowing from off her deck. They watched the disabled steamer until the darkness hid her. In the morning the craft had disappeared. —Western Spy, Journal.

An Engine attached to a railroad train from Worcester was derailed in the yard in Providence, last Monday and capsized. The engineer escaped uninjured; but the fireman was so injured that it was necessary to amputate a leg. A broken switch caused the incident. The cars, all well filled with passengers, remained on the track.

The masts of the schooner Lucy A. Blossom, which sank off Watch Hill, February 10th, have been projecting some fifteen or twenty feet above the water until last week, when they were removed by the cutter Dexter, and taken into Stonington. They will ultimately be sold.

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A Hartford paper states that some miscreants unhooked and turned the switch at Coventry depot, on the Shore Line road, near New Haven, last Tuesday night, and threw the switch lamp on the river. An extra freight, bound north, took the side track, the latter part of the night, ran into a car, throwing it off the track and damaging it, and tearing up about 20 feet of the platform. The engine was considerably damaged. It was a narrow escape, and a wonder that the whole train was not inundated in the Willimantic river.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Fall River Herald says: "The Southern Massachusetts Telephone Company has been furnishing telephones to subscribers at a \$1 monthly rate. The American Bell, the largest stockholder in the Southern Massachusetts, are fearing that this low rate may be quoted in favor of legislating low rates throughout Massachusetts and thereby injuring their pet New England Telephone Company, and a general rise of 50 per cent. on the telephone tariff in the cities of Taunton, New Bedford, Fall River, and adjacent territory has been decided upon to take effect at an early day. In this way all rates in Massachusetts will be equalized, that the American Bell may receive dividends upon its franchise stock."

THURSDAY.

Orders have been issued for all vessels in the North Atlantic squadron, except the Brooklyn, to rendezvous at Key West about the 1st of March. The Brooklyn will remain at Aspinwall.

FRIDAY.

The management takes pleasure in announcing our engagement for one night only of

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS.

THE COMMITTEE having charge of the Winter Fair of the Aquidneck Agricultural Society desire to thank and express their deep appreciation of the energetic and untiring efforts of the ladies who assisted them at their recent fair, and to all others who otherwise assisted with their efforts in making the fair such a gratifying success.

It was the intention of the committee to render to all the lady attendees a complimentary reception and social at Old Fellow's Hall, but instead the ladies themselves have provided the entertainment and all the funds to the treasury, we have complied with their wishes, and can only in this way again thank all for the great work that they accomplished.

For the benefit of the Ladies' Relief Corps

John Livermore, WM. O. Greene, Committee

March 27

Court of Probate, City of Newport,

March 1, 1886.

ON THE PETITION, in writing, of Elizabeth

Merritt, of Newport, presented this day, praying that letters of administration on the estate of

GEORGE F. MEADRT,

late of said Newport, deceased, intestate, may be granted to her or some other suitable person:

It is ordered that the consideration of said petition be referred to Monday, the 22d day of March, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the Probate Office in the City Hall, Newport, and that notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by advertisement in the *Newport Mercury*, once a week at least, for fourteen days.

ALEX. N. BARKER,

Probate Clerk.

Court of Probate, City of Newport,

March 1, 1886.

PATRICK J. O'LEARY, Executor of the last

will and testament of

JOHN C. CONYANLL,

late of Newport, deceased, presents his first

and final account of administration on the estate of said deceased, and prays that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

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JOHN J. PECKHAM,

FRANCIS STANHOPE,

WILLIAM H. WILBOURNE,

Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

WE, THE SUBSCRIBERS, having been appointed by the Honorable Court of Probate of the State of Rhode Island, Commissioners to receive and examine the claim of the several creditors against the estate of BENJAMIN J. B